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## **ARIVACA MAN SENTENCED TO 45 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FIREARMS POSSESSION CHARGES**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Drew Dwight Landrith, 37, of Arivaca, Ariz., was sentenced here to 45 months in prison for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of an Unregistered Firearm. Landrith had pleaded guilty November 21, 2005. The two sentences, imposed by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson, will be served concurrently and will be followed by 36 months of supervised release.

The charges stemmed from the defendant's possession of two sawed off shotguns on consecutive days in March 2004. On March 14, 2004, DPS officers responded to a one car accident on Highway 19. Upon arrival, officers observed a 1979 red Ford pickup with major front end damage just off the roadway, mangled metal and splintered wood where a portion of a guardrail had been, and Landrith being tended to by paramedics. An investigation revealed that Landrith's driver's license had been suspended and that he had prior felony convictions for Unlawful Use of Means of Transportation. A search revealed marijuana, cocaine and other drug paraphernalia, several beer bottles (some still cold to the touch) and a modified 20 gauge shotgun. Landrith was later indicted by a federal grand jury with Possession of an Unregistered Firearm and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Who is an Unlawful User of a Controlled Substance.

Subsequent investigation revealed that on the previous day, March 13, 2004, the defendant had been driving the same 1979 red Ford pickup truck in Tucson when he was stopped by officers from the Tucson Police Department. A search of the truck at the time resulted in the recovery of a loaded 20 gauge Winchester Model 37 shotgun, modified so that its barrel was only about 8 inches long. The weapon was seized and the defendant released on appearance tickets for Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Driving on a Suspended License. Ultimately, the defendant pleaded guilty to both of those offenses in city court and was fined.

Based upon the charges in city court, the U.S. Attorney's Office superseded the original indictment to add two counts for being a Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm and one count of Possession of an Unregistered Firearm. The sentencing for these charges occurred on April 14, 2006.

The investigation in this case was conducted by ATF, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Tucson Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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